

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1889 – SB 2091

February 2, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from five to three years, the amount of time a pre-need funeral contract seller must keep records following the death of the contract beneficiary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information from the Department of Commerce and Insurance, a consumer complaint may not be filed with the Burial Services Program for three or more years after the death of the contract beneficiary.
- Passage of this legislation would reduce the number of records available for inspection to determine compliance with pre-need seller requirements.
- This legislation will have no significant impact on the current responsibilities of the Burial Services Program and the number of compliance inspections will not decrease.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Burial Services Program experienced a surplus of \$196,879 in FY15-16, a surplus of \$161,588 in FY16-17, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,000,103 on June 30, 2017.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Reducing the amount of time a pre-need funeral contract seller must keep records following the death of the contract beneficiary will not significantly decrease business expenditures for pre-need funeral contract sellers and will have no impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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